(a) whether Department of Pharmaceuticals has finalized the process of Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (PTUAS);

(b) if so, the details in this regards along with the salient features thereof;

(c) the extent to which small and medium pharma enterprises will be benefited by the said scheme; and

(d) the details of existing grants and incentives available to small scale pharma units in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium, Enterprises (MSME), on submission by the Department of Pharmaceuticals regarding the difficulties experienced by the small & medium enterprises in the pharmaceutical sector in respect of the additional financial burden in implementing the mandatory measures under the revised Schedule 'M' Standards relating to Good Manufacturing Practices and requirements of machineries/equipments etc., for pharmaceuticals production, issued revised Guidelines through the Second Supplement dated 13th July, 2009 to the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS). Under the revised guidelines, the benefit of the CLCSS would be available to the small scale pharma enterprises for an increased number of upto 179 equipments / machineries recommended for Drug and Pharmaceuticals Products, Sub-sector-wise for up-gradation to Schedule 'M' Standards as per the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940. It is expected that more than 3000 small scale pharma enterprises will be benefited from this enhanced scheme.

There is no separate incentive scheme available for the small scale pharma units in the country. However financial assistance in the form of 15% capital subsidy limited to the project cost of up to Rs. 100 lakhs *i.e.* total capital subsidy limit of Rs. 15 lakhs per small scale unit is available under the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme administered by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) for technology up-gradation.

Supply of complex fertilizers to Himachal Pradesh

3284. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that shortage of complex fertilizers like NPK 12:32:16 and NPK 15:15:15 is being experienced in the State of Himachal Pradesh due to non-issuance of required supply by Government;

(b) if so, the steps Government has taken to ensure required supply of complex fertilizers to the State;

(c) whether Government has received any request to issue supply plan as per month-wise requirement and also to direct suppliers to ensure supply accordingly to the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government has taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) to (d) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. All other fertilizers *viz.* DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled/ de-canalized since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply. Department of Fertilizers gives State-wise/ month-wise supply plan indicated by manufacturers/importers of these fertilizers as per the requirement.

The procurement of all fertilizers is done by Himachal Pradesh Marketing Federation (HIMFED) on behalf of the State Government. Depending upon the demand of fertilizers, HIMFED places orders on the fertilizer companies and procures these fertilizers from them. Since the warehousing capacity in the State is limited, the HIMFED procures fertilizers on month to month basis based on actual sales. The State has not asked for any increase in allocation of fertilizers over and above the requirement (demand) already projected through Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC).

The month-wise requirement, availability and sale of NPK (complexes) fertilizers in Himachal Pradesh during the current Rabi season 2009-10 (October'09 to 13th December'09) are as under:

('Qty. in '000 tonnes')

Product	Month	Requirement	Availability	Sale
NPK (Complexes)	October	7.50	4.21	2.68
	November	10.00	6.75	6.61
	December	5.00	4.17*	0.06*

As on 13th December, 2009

M/s Indian Farmers Fertilizer Co-operative Limited (IFFCO) has planned to supply one more rake (2600 MT) of NPK (Complex) fertilizers to Himachal Pradesh during December, 2009.

The following steps have been taken to ensure supplies of fertilizers as per demand:

(i) The gap between requirement and indigenous production of fertilizers is met through imports;

(ii) Department of Fertilizers operates Buffer Stock of Urea, DAP & MOP through State Institutional Agencies/ fertilizer companies in major fertilizer consuming States to the tune of 6.25 LMT, 3.50 LMT and 1.00 LMT respectively;

(iii) The movement of fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system (www.urvarak.co.in) also called as Fertiliser Monitoring System (FMS).